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S E C R E T QUITO 1195

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS MILI EC
SUBJ: AIRCRAFT PURCHASING MISSION TO EUROPE

REF: QUITO 1132

1. COL. HECTOR VASCONEZ (PROTEXT) CHIEF OF AF PERSONNEL,
TOLD USMLO AIR FORCE REP FEB. 23 THAT A FOUR-MAN ECUADOREAN
AIR FORCE MISSION LEFT QUITO FOR EUROPE ON FEB. 19 TO SEEK
OUT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FOR PURCHASE. THE TEAM IS COMPRISED OF
COLS. AGUIRRE (CHIEF OF OPNS.), SILVA (CHIEF OF MATERIEL),
GARCES (MAINTENANCE) AND GARRIDO (ARMAMENTS).

2. ASKED WHETHER THE GROUP WOULD INCLUDE THE
SOVIET UNION IN ITS ITINERARY, VASCONEZ ADMITTED THAT THE
TEAM FULLY INTENDED TO DO SO WHEN IT LEFT, ALTHOUGH "ARRANGE-
MENTS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLETED ON THE OTHER SIDEJASZ HE DB LINED
GMO ELABORATE.

7. COMMENT: THIS REPORT CONTRADICTS WHAT CHIEF OF COMBINED
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STAFF ADM. OLMEDO TOLD EMBOFFS, TO WIT, THAT GOE HAD
DECIDED TO SUSPEND ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED MISSION TO USSR
(REFTEL. IF THE CURRENT REPORT IS ACCURATE, IT MEANS
THAT GOE, DESPITE ITS NW LOWER-KEY APPROACH TOWARD US, IS
SERIOUS ABOUT NOT FORECLOSING ANY POSSIBLE AVENUE TO RE-
SOLVING ITS AIR DEFENSE PROBLEM. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
GOE WOULD PURCHASE SOVIET AIRCRAFT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

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